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PATENT APPLICATION

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2007, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the claims as amended are respectfully requested.

Applicant hereby respectfully petitions for an extension of time of two months to respond to the Office Action dated March 30, 2007, on the above-identified application. This extension extends the time to respond from June 30, 2007, to August 30, 2007, and this petition, together with an amendment and the requisite fees, are being filed concurrently with a certificate of mailing on or before the latter date. This request for an extension of time would allow this Amendment to be submitted five months after the date of the Office Action.

Accordingly, the appropriate fee for extension of time is that stated in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(2) for a small entity, which is a \$225.00 extension fee for response within two months. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is also authorized to charge any fees required to secure the entry of this Amendment Under Rule 1.116 to Deposit Account No. 18-0882.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this Amendment.